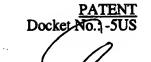
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John Hefti et al.

Application No.: 09/365,978

Filed: August 2, 1999

For: BIO-ASSAY DEVICE (as amended)

Examiner:

C. CHIN

Art Unit:

1641

COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated June 26, 2002, please note that Applicants are no longer considered a small entity. Therefore please charge our Deposit Account No. 501506 the Issue Fee at the large entity rate (\$1280.00). I enclose a copy of the Change in Claim to Small Entity Status as filed in the above-referenced case on March 13, 2001.

Please note the title on the PART B – FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL is incorrect. The title as amended on January 25, 2002, should read as follows: BIO-ASSAY DEVICE. Not SWITCHABLE BIO-ASSAY DEVICE.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of:

John Hefti

Serial No.: 09/365,978

Filed: August 2, 1999

For: TEST SYSTEMS AND SENSORS

FOR DETECTING MOLECULAR

BINDING EVENTS

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Art Unit: 1641

CHANGE IN CLAIM OF SMALL ENTITY

STATUS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant no longer claims the benefit of small entity status for the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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